

Birch Creek Tribal Council

Medical Assistance Policies

In an effort to assist Tribal members when faced with a medical crisis or situation the Birch Creek Tribal offers Emergency Medical Assistance (EMA), and Medical Assistance (MA). This assistance is for when Tribal Members are required to travel to Fairbanks or out of town to seek Emergency Medical treatment. Medical Assistance (non-emergency) will be considered if patient is required to travel, and whose expenses are not covered by any other parties (IHS, CAIHC, Medicaid, Insurance, etc...).

The criteria would be as follows:

1. Must be a Birch Creek Tribal member (or child of a Tribal Member) .
2. The assistance must be for an emergency, or required travel, not for routine appointments.
3. Priority for EMA will be given to tribal members residing in Birch Creek.
4. Assistance is not available to those whose expenses are covered by insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or Denali Kid Care etc.
5. Clients must be referred by a medical professional and show proof of appointment and that they have limited financial resources and are not covered under other resources (see #4).
6. If you do not have a health aide in your community you need to call the Yukon Flats Health Center in Fort Yukon at 1-800-478-7425 and speak with a medical provider.
7. If the provider thinks you need to be seen, arrangements will be made for travel to Fort Yukon, first, or Fairbanks depending on the nature of your illness.
8. Travel expenses WILL NOT be provided without prior authorization from Chief Andrew Isaac physician or a provider at the Yukon Flats Health Center in Fort Yukon.
9. For patients who would like appointments for routine care such as checkups, follow-ups, well baby clinics and immunizations, medicine refills, well woman clinics, physicals, lab work, or any other routine appointments please call the Yukon Flats Health Center and make an appointment.
10. EMA Assistance is limited to \$100 per day for a maximum of 5 days, unique cases will be considered individually by the Birch Creek Council.
11. Tribal Members can utilize EMA assistance twice per year and can no longer receive assistance unless special circumstances require it. These situations will be considered individually by a quorum of the Birch Creek Council.

Eye Glasses/Contact Lenses

The criteria would be as follows:

1. Must be a Birch Creek Tribal member (or child of a Tribal Member)
2. Priority will be given to residents of Birch Creek.
3. Assistance is not available to those whose expenses are covered by insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or Denali Kid Care etc.
4. Clients must be referred by a medical professional and show proof that they have limited financial resources and are not covered under other resources (see #3).
5. Clients may receive up to \$500 per eyeglasses/contacts 1 time per year, funds permitting.

Dental Assistance (i.e dentures, orthodontics)

The criteria would be as follows:

1. Must be a Birch Creek Tribal member (or child of a Tribal Member).
2. Priority will be given to residents of Birch Creek.
3. Assistance is not available to those whose expenses are covered by insurance, Medicaid, Medicare or Denali Kid Care etc.
4. Clients must be referred by a medical professional and show proof that they have limited financial resources and are not covered under other resources (see #3).
5. Client may receive up to \$500 to assist with dental work not covered, such as bridges, crowns, orthodontics, dentures etc. 1 time per year for, funds permitting.